

New Barracks for Guardsmen Will be Built at City Park

Faced with an ultimatum delivered last Friday by Lieut. Chalmers M. Dulmage, commanding officer of Company H, California State Guard, that the Torrance city council either provide greatly improved quarters for the local guardsman on active duty here or the 24-hour patrol at the municipal water tower would be discontinued, councilmen immediately started action that may result in erection of a barracks to house 50 or 60 men.

Lieut. Dulmage, speaking informally to the city officials and 15 other Torrance civilians following a dinner at the Guard's mess, at his suggestion the city park, bluntly detailed the present uninviting, cramped facilities of the Torrance-Lomita company at the park and declared:

"If something is not done I'll have to remove the Guard from the water tank and you'll have to resume paying \$5,500 a year for such protection. I have the authority to remove the installations in your city and I'll do it unless you do something for us."

Two Park Locations
All councilmen were present and immediately went into a huddle with Lieuts. Dulmage and Robert L. Lewellen over the housing problem. Within a few minutes, at his suggestion William H. Stanger, superintendent of the municipal water district, was authorized to contact P. A. Eisen of the firm of Walker and Eisen, architects, and start work on plans for a barracks to house approximately 50 men.

Location for this structure was first proposed near the water tower but this was held to be a danger area and the next site proposed was the unimproved portion of the city park near Plaza del Amo. A third location was suggested at the present auto parking area in the park adjoining Arlington ave.

Eisen and one of his assistants met with members of the council Saturday afternoon and Monday night presented tentative plans to Mayor Tom McGuire, Councilmen Hitchcock, Babcock and Cuel. Eisen reported the proposed structure, located at the parking area and built substantially so it could be converted into a recreation building after the war, would cost between \$7,000 and \$7,500.

Visit Inglewood Barracks
The city officials were of the opinion that this was too costly a structure to undertake at the present time and withheld action until they had inspected quarters used by the Army and State Guard at Inglewood Tuesday.

'Appreciation Day' Awards Distributed Before Large Crowd
A large crowd attended the second weekly distribution of "Appreciation Day" gifts by Torrance retail store owners yesterday in front of the Ocean Drug store, Cabrillo at Gramercy. Those receiving awards were: Mrs. Floyd Galoway, 918-D Portola ave., \$10; Marie Andrade, 1414 West 216th st., \$5 in War Stamps; Mrs. Millstead, 2112 Gramercy ave., a blanket, and Helen Wiley, 2417 Sonoma ave., groceries.

Next Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 12, at 3 o'clock "Appreciation Day" gifts will be distributed from the intersection of Sartori ave. and El Prado near the Safeway Store, according to William Kempen, head of the merchants sponsoring this sales event.

'Minute Man Flag' Awarded War Bond Buying Columbia Workers

Employees of Columbia Steel Company—Torrance Works, are pointing with justifiable pride to the U. S. Treasury Department's "Minute Man Flag" now flying at the local plant. In order to qualify for the flag, at least 90 per cent of the mill's 1,700 employees were required to sign up for payroll deductions to purchase War Savings Bonds.

A certificate advising Columbia Steel's Torrance employees that they were entitled to fly this flag was received recently from Howard D. Mills, administrator of the Southern California War Savings Staff. The emblem was first raised at 8 a. m. Wednesday morning with appropriate ceremonies.

Columbia Steel thus becomes the first mill Torrance industry that before long a number of others will qualify. Meanwhile, the Citizens' Committee recently organized under the leadership of J. Hugh Sherry is perfecting its plans for

July Building Totals \$27,450; Year \$7,172,568

New construction in Torrance during July totaled \$27,450, according to records at the city engineer's office. Last year July's building amounted to \$67,290.

Building for the first seven months this year stands at \$7,172,568, while the amount of construction for the same period last year was \$264,102.

Inquest Jury Frees Townsend Of Fight Death

Eugene Debs Powell, 25, fought his last fight on the lawn of the home at 1647 247th st., occupied by Mrs. Naomi I. Curtis, early last Friday morning, a few hours before his body was discovered lying in a parking lot next to the Torrance hotel. His death was due to cerebral contusion, according to the autopsy report.

His opponent in the last of many battles—in few of which he emerged victor, according to friends—was Ben Townsend, 32, a machinist living at 21205 Grace st., Keystone. Townsend told the story of that last fight yesterday morning at the inquest conducted by Deputy Coroner Frank R. Monfort.

As he finished his testimony, last of seven witnesses to testify, the jury's verdict was that Powell succumbed to injuries suffered in a fall and exonerated Townsend. The latter had been held on an open charge following his arrest on a fugitive warrant Sunday at Auburn, near Colfax on the Sacramento-Near Highway.

Started at Tavern
Debs Powell was described as a man of slight build with twin habits of excessive drinking and persistent fighting. He and Townsend, a husky, sharp-eyed strong-jawed man, had little use for each other. They came into contact at Denver's tavern on Main st. last Thursday night where Townsend said he had gone "for a few drinks and to say goodbye to my friends." He told the jury he intended leaving to visit his wife at Colfax and his attorney injected that Mrs. Townsend is an expectant mother.

Among the friends Townsend greeted at Denver's were Mrs.

Ration Quotas For Month Told

August quotas allotted to the Torrance War Rationing Board which serves this community and district are reported as follows by Chairman Wallace H. Gilbert:

Automobiles, 10; bicycles, 50; first grade new passenger tires, 10; second grade new passenger tires, 30; passenger recaps, 160, and passenger tubes, 160.
New truck tires, 16; truck recaps, eight, and truck tubes, eight.

Shidler Heads Draft Group Of 94 Men

With Judge John A. Shidler of Torrance as leader, the 27th contingent of 38 Torrance men, 24 Lomitans and others totalling approximately 94, left the Torrance draft board headquarters at 1337 El Prado for induction into the Army yesterday morning.

Shidler, 17th District Congressional candidate, was successful in this, his fifth attempt to enter the armed services. He had been refused enlistment on four previous occasions because of defective vision. He was accepted by the Army this time. Shidler is now on the 14-day furlough offered inducted men following their acceptance and is planning intensive action to complete his vigorous campaign for election as War Congressman.

Meanwhile, his volunteer workers are increasing their efforts to see him as successor to the late Congressman Lee E. (Continued on Page 6-A)

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SPECIAL ELECTION IN DOUBT

That "off-again-on-again" special Congressional election jammed into the 17th District primary by Gov. Olson is now the very much unwanted "baby" of Registrar of Voters Michael Donoghue, the man who must arrange its details, and he doesn't yet know what to do with it. The State Supreme Court reversed Judge Emmet H. Wilson's order that the special should be held. But Judge Wilson today was refusing to reverse his order and warned Donoghue that he must appear before him Aug. 26, the day after the primary, and report as to whether his writ of mandate cancelling the special election had been carried out.

Judge Wilson contends that the supreme court ruled on a different phase of the action; that he had no notice of a higher court reverse on the decision; that he had not been represented at the supreme court hearing. Meanwhile, voters of the old 17th District are still in as much confusion over the special election as they were when Olson abruptly ordered it held last April.

The special election, for which three candidates—Judge John A. Shidler of Torrance, John T. Rawls of San Pedro and Cecil King of Los Angeles qualified—will or will not be held Aug. 25, the same day as the regular primary when there will be 13 candidates on the ballot. The special—if held—election will not be open to voters in the 46th Assembly District, west from Van Ness and South from Slauson.

VOIDS PREVIOUS DECISION
In its decision, handed down by unanimous decision of the judges sitting en banc in San Francisco, the Supreme Court tossed out the decision of Superior Judge Emmet Wilson who had held two weeks ago that the election was illegal because it excluded 55,711 registered voters of the 46th district.

Action to void plans for the election had been begun by Ernest A. Stewart of Hermosa Beach, a congressional candidate. Numerous appeals from the decision were filed last week by other taxpayers, purportedly representing various candidates, some going to the appeals court and one directly to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court appeal was carried by Pearl F. Shoun, 434 West 87th street, voter in the 67th assembly district.

PEREMPTORY WRIT ISSUED
In accordance with principles laid down recently by the State Supreme Court in another case involving the same issue, the District Court of Appeal Friday issued a peremptory writ of mandate directing Michael J. Donoghue, county registrar of voters, to hold a special election Aug. 25 in the 17th Congressional District.

The appellate court, speaking thru Justice Minor Moore, issued the order on the basis of a suit brought by Harold A. Sparling, candidate in the special election to succeed the late Representative Lee E. Geyer for the term ending Dec. 31, 1942.

PRIORITY CLOTHES READY FOR GIANT AT LOMITA

Hefty M. R. Wolfkeil, whose efforts to obtain pants and shirt have attracted nation-wide publicity for his 386-pound frame, hopes that all the offers he has received and read about will result in some tangible clothes soon.

Mrs. Sophie Wolfkeil at their trailer home in Lomita has just about exhausted her ingenuity of patching patches on her big mate's pants.

Latest to come forth with a publicized—this time with a picture of the shirt and pants filled almost to capacity by six comely young ladies—offer of clothing for Wolfkeil is a Natchez, Miss., clothing manufacturer who is reported to have finished the garments.

Girls Try on Garments
Wolfkeil, barred from purchase of material for his oversize frame by the priority system, appealed directly to President Roosevelt recently to avoid adoption of a Mahatma Gandhi costume.

After the clothing was finished a group of girls in the Natchez factory decided to try on the trousers and shirt. They found that it took six of them to take up the slack.

The shirt has a 20-inch collar and a 59-inch chest. The trousers have a 59-inch waist, 33-inch length and 66-inch seat.

Want 50 for Air Raid Warden Class Here

Altho the chief air raid warden for Torrance, Irwin J. (Jack) Hallinger, is on his vacation and won't be back on his regular job as deputy city clerk until Monday, he asked The Herald to remind local residents today that...

"We need a great many more air raid wardens in Torrance to give adequate protection to everyone. A new class of instruction, lasting eight weeks, opens next Monday night, Aug. 10, at the Civic Auditorium.

"At least 50 trainees are wanted to join this course. Those interested—and everyone should be—should enroll at once at the city clerk's office and report for the first lesson at 7 o'clock next Monday night. The class will continue until 9 o'clock each Monday night with county warden authorities as instructors."

Two Lomitans Win Army Wings

Completes Training Graduate at Gulf Coast Ready for Air Duty



LIEUT. CHARLES C. BOYER

Two pilots from Lomita graduated yesterday at the Gulf Coast Air Force Training Center and received the silver wings of the Army Air Corps.

They were Lieuts. Charles C. Boyer of 1919 West 262nd st., who graduated from the Lake Charles Field and John E. Hixon, 25212 Fejoa st., who completed his training at the Foster Field.

Graduation day marked the end of 27 weeks thorough, intensive flight training for a record class of the Gulf Coast Training Center, which includes the center one-third of the United States.

As the insignia are pinned on the young flyers, miniature wings were mailed to "honorary members" of the class—the mothers and girl friends of the graduates back home.

DIM-OUT FARTHER INLAND

Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt yesterday ordered all types of lighting extinguished or controlled along the entire Pacific Coast from Canada to Mexico, as far inland in some places as 150 miles, for the duration of the war. The order becomes effective Aug. 20 and applies to lights in Torrance, Lomita and vicinity.

The order, issued by the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army under Public Proclamation No. 10, was directed to the residents of California, Oregon and Washington and set up a zone of restricted lighting in those three states.

The Civilian Defense Board of the Ninth Regional Office of Civilian Defense is designated in the proclamation as the primary agency to aid in the enforcement of the provisions of the order. Civil law enforcement agencies of the three coastal states are requested to assist the Civilian Defense Board in this enforcement.

Balances Pattern
The proclamation is aimed at controlling lighting which throws beams upward or is visible from the ocean in the newly established Zone of Restricted Lighting. The proclamation indicates that it is designed to protect the movement of vessels along the coast from the prying periscopes of enemy submarines, and to obscure target areas caused by bright sky reflections from cities as far inland as Sacramento and Fresno, as well as other metropolitan areas such as San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. The present illumination from these cities, under proper conditions, is visible as far as 150 miles at sea.

"Dim-out practices as now in effect under the orders of the Office of Civilian Defense, have accomplished a great deal in cutting down the light visible at sea," Gen. DeWitt said, "but it is necessary that the pattern be better balanced and that it (Continued on Page 4-A)

Salvage Campaign Under Way Here; Mills Need Metal

Call it junk if you like, but Uncle Sam says it's bayonets, bullets, ships, tanks, airplanes, bombs and hundreds of other things necessary to keep the war machine going.

It's scattered in Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, in back lots, garages, attics—and Uncle Sam wants it—NOW!

Why This Drive Is So Vital

Why the salvage drive is so important to the nation's war effort and particularly the steel industry is graphically reported in the following fact-packed article from last week's issue of TIME, entitled "What Price Scrap?"

"WPB planners changed signals again on steel last week, recommended that ingot capacity be boosted from the present 88,569,970 tons to 98,279,970 tons by mid-1943, even if it takes more than 4,000,000 tons of steel desperately needed now," TIME reported and continued:

"All this talk begged a more immediate question: What good will it do to increase capacity 9,710,000 tons unless the U. S. can find some way to use the capacity it already has? The industry will not come within 4,000,000 tons of its present rated capacity this year (and present mills could produce a good 2,500,000 tons more than that.)"

"WPB planners had one costly solution: add 10,945,000 tons of new pig-iron capacity. But that solution merely put the finger again on the real problem of how to get more steel at once; the steel shortage is first and (Continued on Page 5-A)

Torrance Has 4,992 Voters Set for Primary

There are a total of 4,992 qualified voters in the City of Torrance for the coming August primary election, according to a tabulation of voters released this week by Registrar of Voters Michael J. Donoghue. At the last primary election two years ago the total registration for the community was shown to be 5,005.

Decrease in registration is noted in a number of communities, due to several reasons, such as evacuation of Japanese in some areas, men who have been drafted for the armed forces, or volunteered, and the lack of interest due to the war.

For the coming election, there are 3,433 Democrats and 1,512 Republicans registered. The six minor parties have a negligible registration for the most part, and those who declined to state their party preference will not be able to vote in the primary. At the 1940 primary, there were 3,433 Democrats and 1,512 Republicans registered here, it was shown. (Continued on Page 5-A)

17th Congressional District Gains 69,242 Voters, Registrar Reports

The 17th congressional district is 69,242 voters larger than it was in 1940, according to registration figures disclosed today by Registrar of Voters Michael Donoghue. The gain is caused by increased population and the addition last year of the 46th assembly district to the congressional district which previously had been composed of the 64th, 67th and 68th assembly districts.

Registration totals announced on the basis of voters books which were closed July 16 show the Democratic party has 151,231 registered voters, the Republican party 53,793 voters in the 17th congressional district. Total registration in the enlarged district is 215,024, as compared with the 1940 total of 145,840 in the old 17th congressional district.

Other party registrations contributing to the new total are 156 Socialists, 323 Prohibitionists, 18 Commonwealth, 483 Progressives, 48 Communists, 437 Townsend and 8,588 who declined to state party affiliation. Other District Figures Compared with the 1940 registration, the new figures show the Democrats gained 45,952, the Republicans 20,354, the Socialists lost 22 voters despite the enlarged district, the Prohibitionist gained 80, Progressives gained 99, Communists lost 10, Townsend lost 263 and the new Commonwealth registration has 18.

Only minor changes are disclosed in the 68th assembly district registration which gained 915 voters since 1940. The new total is 39,367. Democratic registration with 28,824 gained 997 voters, more than the entire district gain which indicates they picked up voters from other parties. Republicans have a registration of 9,073, a gain of 23 voters over 1940, the last previous date for which registration totals were provided.



USED BY LOMITA PILOTS. . . These AT-6 single-motored advanced trainers, flying in echelon over one of the Gulf Coast training fields were used by Lieuts. J. E. Hixon and C. C. Boyer